

MAY FREE THE BOY.

Justice Ingraham's Delay Thought Favorable to Little Joe.

Decision on the Habeas Corpus Case Has Been Held Back a Week.

Recent Events That Have Angered Citizens at the Gerry Society.

The fate of little Joe Mittel is still undecided. Justice Ingraham, before whom the application for discharge under a writ of habeas corpus, on which the child was compelled to be produced in court by the Gerry society, was argued in Supreme Court Chambers last Monday, has not yet handed down his decision.

Lawyers familiar with cases of this kind say that the Justice's delay in rendering his decision portends well for little Joe, as it implies that there must be, to say the least, a doubt in his mind as to the lawfulness of the Society's claims. Says one of these lawyers: "It is a fundamental maxim of law that the prisoner shall always enjoy the benefit of such a doubt."

In the main, while the parents, Peter and Sebastian Mittel, of 243 Elizabeth street, are rocking themselves in the hope that the laws of a civilized community could never have been devised with the cruel intent of separating a child from its parents for fifteen years, for absolutely no offense on the part of, and only a trifling sentence on the part of, the irresponsible father of a child.

"If, there can be such a law," said the same lawyer, "I cannot believe that any court would frame its decision according to the letter of it, but would be guided by its spirit. For surely no just legislator could ever have intended to countenance such a monstrous wrong as Mr. Mittel is trying to perpetrate upon the poor Mittel."

The Gerry society has lost much ground in the respect and confidence of the public by its course in connection with the case of little Joe. From all sides come letters thanking and congratulating THE EVENING WORLD for its efforts to indicate the rights of the father's poor parents. The action of many organizations attests the interest with which the proceedings are watched by every parent of small children in New York City.

The Executive Committee of the Citizens' Alliance, at a recent meeting at 41 Park row, adopted a resolution "that the charters of all societies of private individuals or corporations which assume to usurp the functions of the lawfully constituted authorities should be annulled."

Mr. John D. Boyd, in whose office the meeting took place, said that this resolution was adopted by the Citizens' Alliance, and that the Gerry society's action in connection with the case of little Joe was a violation of the law.

One of these cases was that of August Miller, who was arrested before Judge Ryan in Jefferson Market Court, charged with stealing blankets from a cab. The boy's father, settled in the city, was immediately released, and the Justice thereupon signed a commitment.

It was afterwards discovered that the father had been treating the boy brutally and was simply trying to get rid of him. When Justice Ryan learned this, he tore the commitment into shreds, and announced Mr. Miller's agent for having attempted to "railroad" the child, and for making a sufficient investigation to even ascertain that the child had a mother living who was willing to take care of him.

The other case was that of the eleven-year-old daughter of John F. McGee, of 212 Second avenue, who was committed to the Juvenile Asylum at the instance of the Gerry agents on a charge of larceny. McGee, who had been assaulted by a man named Harriette, of 212 Second avenue, for which crime the latter was sentenced to the penitentiary, was this latter case that particularly incensed the Central Labor Union, of which McGee is a member.

COL. OLIVER A CANDIDATE.

For Police Justice in Place of the Late Daniel O'Reilly.

Col. James Oliver, of the Second District, who is the State Senate Librarian and was Sergeant-at-Arms of the Democratic National Committee during the late campaign, has formally announced himself a candidate for Police Justice in place of the late Daniel O'Reilly.

His application, which has been handed to Mayor-elect Gilroy, is endorsed by President-elect Cleveland, Gov. Flower, John T. Agnew, Dudley Smith, Benjamin Wood and David Hoadley Field. The latter has written a personal letter commending Mr. Oliver, and is a candidate for re-election in the Assembly.

A gentleman very close to Democratic State Chairman Charles Murphy, Jr., said this morning that Mr. Murphy had received voluntary letters from every Democratic Senator and Assemblyman in New York and Kings counties with the exception of three, pledging to him their support for Oliver as Police Justice.

New York and Kings counties' votes are expected to Mr. Murphy, and according to this statement his election is assured.

LIVELY NOONDAY BLAZE.

It Broke Out in an East Fifth Street Tenement.

Fire broke out in the wood cellar of a five-story tenement, at 154 East Fifth street, at 11:50 o'clock, and at once ascended the air shaft to the top of the building.

The fire gained considerable headway and damaged the building to the extent of \$2,000 and the contents \$1,000.

The building is owned by Henry Kress, of 72 Nassau street.

DOWN COME THE WIRES.

Two Gangs at Work Carrying Out Mayor Grant's Order.

Two gangs comprised of twenty men from the Department of Public Works started out this morning to cut down the overhead wires along Broadway, Washington, Greenwich and Chambers streets.

The wires of the Mount Morris Electric Company on Broadway street, near Greenwich street, were cut down, the morning and the work of removing the illegally strung wires is still going on.

His the Policeman's Hand. Policeman Nelson, of the Fourteenth Precinct, arrested Benjamin Abramson, of 20 Ludlow street, for acting strangely on the street. In the station-house he bit the policeman's hand, and this morning he was committed for examination as to his sanity.

CAPRIVI GIVES OUT A HINT.

Reichstag May Be Dissolved if the Army Bill Fails.

Another British Conservative Unseated—General Cable News.

BREITEN, Dec. 10.—The Reichstag to-day began the debate on the first reading of the Army bill. The War ministers of Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony and Wurtemberg were present in the House.

Major Von Hohenhausen, speaking for the Centre party, announced that that party was willing to concede the two-years' service system, but was not prepared to increase the standing army.

The bill raises the peace footing of the German army, including privates and corporals, on a yearly average at 400,000 men from Oct. 1, 1893, to March 31, 1899.

The infantry will be composed of 711 battalions, the cavalry of 477 squadrons, the field artillery of 416 batteries, the foot artillery of 17 battalions, the pioneers of 24 battalions, the railway troops of 7 battalions and the train of 21 battalions.

Chancellor von Caprivi made a speech to-day in which he hinted that the Government was determined to dissolve the Reichstag unless the bill was passed.

PRINCESS MAY SCOLDS A COSTER.

She Reproves Him for Beating His Donkey and Forgives His Abuse.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Princess May, who was betrothed to the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, was driving in Hammersmith yesterday when she came upon a coster who was beating his donkey in a most cruel manner.

She ordered her coachman to stop, and directed her footman to deliver the coster of the stick with which he was beating his animal. The Princess spoke to the coster, but was greeted with abuse of the lowest kind.

The man demanded the name of the woman who had dared to interfere with what he considered his rights, and begged pardon in the most humble way when he learned that he had been abusing one who is universally loved for her generosity to the poor.

The Princess forgave him and then lectured him on his cruelty. The police would have arrested the man had it not been for the intervention of Princess May, who also asked them not to report the insults the man had offered her.

PRINCE FERDINAND IN LONDON.

Resolved at Windsor Castle—Movements of British Royalty.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A large party assembled at Windsor Castle to-day to greet Crown Prince Ferdinand of Roumania, who arrived this morning on a visit to his fiancée, Princess Marie, daughter of the Duke of Edinburgh.

In the party were the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise, Hon. Charles Herbert Spencer, P. Youngson, son of the Earl of Spencer, and Admiral Stephenson.

The Earl of Hoveberg will go to Sandringham House on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales to-night and will remain until Tuesday.

On Thursday the Duchess of Edinburgh and Princess Marie will start for Signmarigen, Prussia, to prepare for the marriage of the Crown Prince of Roumania. The ceremony will take place at Signmarigen.

ANOTHER CONSERVATIVE OUT.

Horatio Davies Not an English M. P. Just Now.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The unseating of members of Parliament returned at the last general election, gave merely on much to the satisfaction of the Liberals and the corresponding disgust and chagrin of the Conservatives.

The latest member to lose his seat is Horatio Davies, Conservative, who was returned from Rochester by a majority of 407 votes over Mr. Frederic Brunning Maddison, Gladstonian.

The Liberals sent in a petition under the Corrupt Practices act against the election of Mr. Davies, and the Election Petition Judges to-day handed down a decision depriving him of his seat on the ground of bribery, which consisted of treating electors.

MAY PARDON M. DRUMONT.

In Order that He May Testify in the Panama Canal Case.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—It is reported that M. Bourgeois, Minister of Justice, will pardon M. Drumont, editor of *Le Libre Parole*, who is serving a term of imprisonment for libel, with a view to having him appear as a witness before the Panama Investigating Committee.

M. Drumont has refused to give any testimony relative to the Panama affair unless he is unconditionally released.

It is believed that he has important knowledge regarding the affairs of the company and that he would be a good stroke of policy to release him.

Autopsy on Reinach's Body. The body of Baron Reinach has been examined and identified. The autopsy ordered by the Government to decide whether he committed suicide or died from natural causes is proceeding, but the result will be kept secret until Dr. Brouard makes his official report to the Government.

Mrs. Maybrick's Suffering, as Reported by Her Mother.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The *Evening Standard* has this morning the authority for stating that Mrs. Maybrick is recovering from the effects of the hemorrhages with which she was recently attacked. The paper adds that her illness was due to her own carelessness.

The Baroness de Rouges, Mrs. Maybrick's mother, telegraphs from Woking that her daughter passed a bad night and is suffering from great weakness.

SAGATA WILL TRY TO FORM A CABINET FOR SPAIN.

MADRID, Dec. 10.—Senator Sagata has reconsidered his determination and has undertaken the task of forming a Ministry.

Seven Dead at a Fire—Five Lives Lost in a Storm.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 10.—A fire broke out to-day in a dwelling house at Frederiksberg, a suburb of this city, and seven of its inmates were killed, most of them by jumping from windows.

DUNKIRK, Dec. 10.—During a heavy snow-dunk of this port to-day a fishing boat capsized and five of her crew were drowned.

THE PAUPER-SMUGGLERS.

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IN THE RIGHT TEMPLE.

John O'Connor Commits Suicide with a Revolver.

John O'Connor, thirty years old, of 317 West Thirty-third street, was found dead in bed at 6 o'clock this morning.

He had committed suicide by shooting himself in the right temple.

To Value the Land. The committee appointed yesterday by Mayor Grant to consider the question of purchasing three parcels of land between Eighth and Eighty-ninth streets by the city, for which \$175,000 is asked, will meet in the controller's office Wednesday morning to hear the arguments of the various parties to the purchase and the city's offer.

"Of course," said Mr. Wrightington, "such officials become, to a certain extent, blinded in their sensibilities; that is natural. But I do not think Doane would be wilfully harsh towards any body."

Supt. Wrightington stated that an average of 1,000 paupers are discharged in the State annually, and that fully nine-tenths of them go to various points within this commonwealth, and that the records kept in his office will bear out that statement.

HAS BEEN IN TROUBLE BEFORE.

Tewksbury's Chief Once Sued by the State of New Hampshire.

TEWKSBURY, Mass., Dec. 10.—Dr. Lewis, superintendent of the almshouse here, was a few days ago prosecuted by the authorities of New Hampshire for sending paupers to the health resort of that State. The State of Massachusetts was joined with Lewis as a defendant.

Through indefiniteness in the law the case was lost by the New Hampshire people, who, however, have kept a strict eye upon Lewis ever since.

This is supposed to be the reason why Dr. Lewis was Tewksburyed the next day to his home at Dover, N. H., but instead of going to New York.

TAKES THE PAUPERS' WORD.

Massachusetts Officials Flimsy Defense for Sending Them Here.

Boston, Dec. 10.—"I never knowingly sent a pauper out of this State that belonged here," said State Supt. of Interior Poor Wrightington to THE EVENING WORLD correspondent late last night. Mr. Wrightington had taken a trip out of town, which occupied him from 2 p. m. until 6. Where he had been he did not say.

On his arrival in Boston his first act was to read THE EVENING WORLD story as telegraphed to the Boston papers. He declined to make any specific statement as to this particular case of transportation. Agent Thomas Doane to-day, however, had discussed the methods of handling paupers thoroughly, and evinced a disposition to give all the information desired. His version is best told in his own words:

"First," said Mr. Wrightington, "I wish to speak of Doane's trip to New York Thursday last. I know what he did. I know that he had a woman here, an immigrant, she came from some European port to New York, and not being noticeably crazy was allowed to land. After some weeks she drifted here, her insanity developed and she fell into our hands. From what she said and what I learned from other sources I decided that she should be returned to Europe from New York."

"So I corresponded with Col. Weber at Ellis Island, and his records confirmed my decision. Doane's last trip to New York was for the purpose of taking this woman to Ellis Island."

"Now, if we have other persons who claim residence in New York, Philadelphia or elsewhere in that direction, they are allowed to accumulate until Doane makes a trip, which occurs about fifteen times yearly. Whether he took others beside this woman to New York this time I do not know. They might have been sent by the assistant superintendent, Mr. Lewis. I should know nothing about it until returns were made to my office, a matter of say two weeks, more or less."

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DOANE SHUTS UP HIS MOUTH.

Refuses to Talk Any More Till He Has Seen His Superiors.

Boston, Dec. 10.—Transportation Agent Thomas M. Doane was met by THE EVENING WORLD correspondent as he stepped from the Fall River train at 6 o'clock this morning. He greeted firmly by the arm an unsmiling, shivering pauper, who was returned to this State by Supt. Blake, of New York.

Doane was also accompanied by a woman, evidently an inmate of the Department.

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REFORM CLUB'S DINNER.

Distinguished Strangers Who Will Sit at the Tables.

All the arrangements have been completed for the Reform Club dinner to-night. The committee was besieged with applications for seats, all of which had to be refused, as no member has even been allowed an extra seat for a friend, and the number of guests who have been invited is so large that the fifteen members themselves have been crowded out and will dine in another room.

The list of speakers is the same as already announced, with the exception of Col. W. J. Morrison, who is prevented from attending by a death in his family. The guests will be seated at Madison Square Garden at 6:30 o'clock.

Among the distinguished strangers present will be Chairman W. F. Harrity, Senator Carlisle, speaker Crisp, ex-Secretary Charles S. Fairchild, Gov. Lizon R. Morris, of Connecticut; Congressman William L. Wilson of West Virginia; ex-Mayor Grace, Mayor of Richmond, Frederic H. Conder and Charles H. Canby.

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